

Methods for Assuring Transportation

~~Ambulance and Related Services. Ambulance or ambulette and invalid coach services are available under Title XIX.~~

~~When other types of transportation are required for receiving medical care or treatment and will not adversely affect the individual, county departments of human services administer transportation services to recipients in need of such. When transportation services other than covered ambulance or ambulette services are required for residents of long-term care facilities, the long-term care facilities are responsible for administering such.~~

Under 42 CFR 431.53, the Ohio Medicaid program is required to assure recipients of necessary transportation to or from Medicaid-coverable services.)

Transportation provided by nursing facilities for their recipient-residents, including NEMT, is included as a part of nursing facility services. Nursing facilities receive a per diem amount that includes payment for all transportation services and are responsible for ensuring that their recipient-residents obtain those transportation services. Such services are paid for by the nursing facilities and are not eligible for reimbursement on a fee-for-service basis. For dates of service beginning 08/18/2009 and ending 09/30/2009, however, transportation providers may submit claims directly on a fee-for-service basis for providing transportation services to nursing facility residents.

Appropriate ambulance services and wheelchair van services are available under Title XIX on a fee-for-service basis to recipients who are not residents of a nursing facility.

Recipients who are not residents of a nursing facility and who do not require ambulance services may request assistance through the local County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) in securing transportation to or from Medicaid-coverable services. Assistance may be given if no other resources are readily available to a recipient. For each recipient who requests transportation assistance, the CDJFS must select the most cost-effective type of assistance that is appropriate to the recipient's medical condition and enables the recipient to access Medicaid-coverable services in a timely manner. Each CDJFS may offer transportation assistance in the form of payment for services or items such as actual transport of the recipient, fuel, fares, mileage reimbursement, and (when appropriate) the support services of a personal assistant, necessary travel-related expenses, and transport of a parent or guardian accompanying a recipient younger than 21.

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